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FOR FEMININE READERS

GENERAL ENLIGHTENMENT HAS GIVEN WOMEN AN ADVANTAGE.

Medicines Likely to Be Misused in the Household-Variety of Interests Keeps Women Young.

While we must not for a moment lose sight of the fact that the generations of women who have vanished into the dim aisles of the past were many of them model wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, it is a fact not to be disputed, says the New York Ledger, that they were in the very nature of things shut out from many of the advantages their descendants enjoy, and had not the wherewithal to accomplish certain ends that are possible to the women of the present generation.

If the betterment and brightening of the home is the chief end of woman-a proposition that no intelligent person will dream of questioning-then to-day's homemaker and homekeeper enjoys the proud distinction of standing far above her ancestors in opportunities for bettering and elevating that beautiful realm over which the home queen is supposed to reign supreme.

Half a century ago a medical scientist declared that there was but little use in doctors trying to decrease infant mortality while the mothers clung to the old theories and traditions and refused to accept the better conditions that science and discoveries were placing within their reach. Overnice mothers washed the little lives out of their babies because they fancied that cleanliness was next to godliness, and they suffered the little children to go into the kingdom of heaven in battalions and floated them along with tears, the physiclan's advice or orders to the contrary notwithstanding. Those who leaned to the other extreme neglected their little ones, and they died of diseases induced by dirt and carelessness, or kept the children in overheated rooms until they became persensitive and died at the very slightest

were incongruous and sometimes actually poisonous, and went into mourning and refused to be comforted when through its own blind blundering its loved ones were taken from its arms. Following the footsteps of those who went before it, unthinking obedience to custom presided at the family board and prepared dishes that entailed suffering and sorrow not only upon the partakers but upon generations yet unborn. Sankation and hygiene were as Greek to the average household, and whole families were swept away by maladies that

why. After a time a few women began to take an interest in outside things that were intimately conflected with the affairs of their households. They studied cook books and learned the philosophy and chemistry of food. They took up the subjects of san-Itation and hygiene, and, once mastered, they applied the principles to the daily life and arrangements of their households. The results were so pleasing and the conditions were so much improved that they felt con-strained to proclaim from the very housetops the good tidings and great joy unto

prosperity of its members. All things new and of good report are discussed, tried and reported on, and the home of the sensible club woman is bet-ter ordered, more healthful, brighter, better, cleaner and more permeated with the spirit of the right living than she who plods along the moss-grown pathway of tradition and usage can ever imagine. A Fashion Display.

New York Mail and Express.

A first night at the theater means a beauty show and a fashion display of the heaters on first rights are well worth the time and trouble of a visit from a stranger or a New Yorker herself, because of the array of wealth, culture, beauty and costly raiment. Simplicity and elaborateness sit side by side, trimness and gorgeousness clasp hands over the programmes.

Last night there were some especially

goers. A dainty affair of Havana brown metalized drap d'ete had a trimmed skirt of sable tails and ribbon stripes. The stripes ran around the skirt and were edged with lines of sable, and in front, each side of the center, there was a perpendicular trimming of tiny sable tails. The tight-fitting basque was cut up to form deep tabs, which were embroidered around the edge with tiny bands of sable and tiny tails. The waist itself was enriched by a wide band of sable fastened by a rosette of satin and silver braid. The sleeves were tightly fitting, but over the top fell tabs of satin and long sable tails. The neck was cut comparatively low in a slight heart-shaped design, both in front and behind, and was edged all about with tiny tabs of the satin ribbon. Over the neck throughout the play was worn a beautiful ecru and Havana brown feather boa. A second lovely gown was in violet silver and lemon fancy woolen material. The neatly fitting bodice was open in tront and had revers of violet velvet embroidered in violets and velvet violets on each side arranged like rows of buttons. The skirt was very full and was thickly shirred about the slender waist. The sleeves were shirred simply, and caught in the shirrs were tufts

silver, with rosettes of violet velvet and

half theater costume. It was of han dark olive brocaded cloth, neatly fitted in to cover up the neck entirely and a portion ered in olive shades. The inside of the ployed upon the cuffs.

ion with all matters pertaining to the household, and the health, happiness and Philadelphia Press.

beautiful dresses worn by the theaterof velvet violets and dainty violet leaves

ver the shoulders fell a bunch of velvet violets, and the neck was a velvet ruche so chickly studded with violets that it seemed a wreath. The wearer of the gown had a pale, sallow complexion, and the colors brought out all the delicate hues of the flesh and the depths of color in the eyes and hair. The picture made might be called truthfully an ideal one. The embroidered gloves were in violet, with silver, and the tiny toque was a frame of

A very odd design was a garment which might be described as a half walking dress, the back, while the front and sides fell in flat pleats from a father low yoke. The sleeves were bouffant at the shoulders brought together above the elbow and followed the arm quite closely to the wrist. Here they expanded and were rippled and trimmed with very handsome lace ruching. From the yoke the material rose up into a high coliar, which flared outward so as of the black hair. The cape worn with it was lined with light apple green silk flowcollar was a lace ruching similar to that

A theater cape which attracted consider-

le attention consisted of corded silk of

ruching of the sleeves beneath. This pleat was beautifully embroidered in white, gray and rose silk, seed pearls and gold wire.

Drugs to Be Used in the Home.

A large and representative audience filled the lecture room of the Jefferson Maternity Hospital yesterday afternoon to listen to the opening lecture of the course which excellent institution. Dr. Hobart Amory Hare spoke on "The

two classes of drugs, for much depended upon the requirements of cases, and upon the advice of the attending physician. In mentioning drugs to be kept in the house, Dr. Hare invariably pointed out their possible abuse and warned his audience against certain misuses. Sweet spirits of nitre should always be on hand and is generally harmless. It is largely used for children and for the treatment of febrile conditions. But there have been cases where an overdose has resulted in death. It is useful, being what the physician often uses to prepare the way for other treatment. It increases the activity of the kidneys and skin. It must be given in cold water, because it is very volatile.

Jamaica ginger is a needful household remedy. But there are conditions where it may cause great injury. It should never be used where there is irritation and should always be diluted in water. Paregoric, another permissible drug, is often very much abused. The paregoric habit is too easily contracted. It is unjustifiable to give this drug to babies.

Salines, by which is meant Hunyadi, an aperient waters and all that class should only be used by advice of physicians. Coffee and tea-used not as articles of dietbut as spurs to nervous stimulation, were very strongly condemned by Dr. Hare, These two liquids when used in excess can become the most harmful of drugs, he Dr. Hare gave a word of warning against

the present excessive use of bromos-caffeine, pyrine, etc. The result is the same as in excessive use of coffee-caffeine being the base of all these preparations. The ayman should remember these things are only stimulants, not food-and that it is food alone which creates strength. Even for headaches care should be exercised in the use of the things, for headaches are, after all, but the symptoms of a disease. The power put forth by the action of the heart during twenty-four hours is enough to raise 127 tons of coal in the air. This ower has to be derived from food. Among re nonpermissible drugs in households chlorate of potassium, which is most poisonous and dangerous. There is no antidote for it, and little can be done for a patient so poisoned. The use of chlorate of potassium lozenges, unless under physician's orders, he strongly condemned. Laudanum should never be kept. It is nothing but tincture of opium and there s danger in its presence. coco-wines, that are used widely, came in

The Tree or the Stocking?

for a warning note from Dr. Hare. These

iquids are but nerve stimulants and should

and no longer than the time specified

Plasters were largely dwelt upon by Dr

Hare. How to make the most needful ones.

and how to apply them, were lucidly de-

ever be used except by physicians' orders

As to the various ways of dispensing gifts, let me venture to say timidly that I The sewing society was too limited as a soft rose gray color. The collar was very high, and in the back was carried up into and the club was the next thing in order.

And now all well-regulated women's clubs deal in more or less comprehensive fash-

dren; but they entail, as arranged in American homes, much labor and expense without any lasting result, and I am dubious as to the satisfaction given by the many ornaments which aggregate such a large amount of money and work. My best-loved Christmas trees are the little ones you may see our German citizens carrying home under their arms on any Christmas eve. It is well worth a trip to the crowded and otherwise unsavory neighborhoods of Barclay street and Washington market on an evenhas been organized for the benefit of that ing very near to the great day, to watch the purchasers of these trees; there is generally a little basket for fruit and candy on the other arm, or in the hands of the Drugs Which are and Which are Not Per- wife, who trots along just behind, and most artistic and perfect kind. New York's missible in the Household." Dr. Hare said three dollars which cover the total cost. I bunch of violets to tuck in her frock and sents, and keep also a warm thought of satisfaction for the gigantic affairs dressed for eager little waifs to whom even the lights are a luxury. I have unbounded faith in hanging up

stockings and the joy of the early morning hours in bed while emptying them. And I have found much fun arise from making a huge stocking of red flannel, laced down from the large part of the leg to the toe, and hung in a doorway, or from the center of a ceiling, and gathering in all the family, young and old, servants as well as children, and gradually unlacing and delivering the labeled parcels. If the distribution is done at all cleverly, this is a very jolly way of accomplishing the end. And again, a curtained corner, easily made with two screens or clothes horses. makes a spendid booth from which a welldressed Santa Claus can, with exhaustless humor and kindly personalities, keep the family circle hilarious over his wares. And for the Christmas dinner, let it be good in itself, beautiful to look at, shared only by those we love and honor, and though yearning memory looks in vain for the absent faces of departed dear ones, let no Christian household, nor any home which is built on the holiness of the family tie, fail to keep the feast with joy-its essence lies in that which knows no earth-

Variety in Life. Philadelphia Times.

The other day there was a brief telegraphic dispatch in the papers telling of the suicide of a young servant girl in Iowa, who killed herself because she was "tired and had no pretty clothes." It was a tragedy in three lines, which told of the dull round of duties, unrelleved by cheerful companionship or gayety, and of one with a heart which so hungered for the beauty and refinements of existence that she had not the courage to live without them.

It may be said that this was the rash deed of an ill-balanced and morbid girl. but the truth remains that women are especially susceptible mentally and physically to the depressing effects of monotony. They pine and die under its blighting effects as under some deadly upas tree. It is a wellknown fact that the majority of women in daughters of farmers. For them monotonous round of a life that has no high days or holidays, few, new faces or thoughts, works its most disastrous re-

A great deal is said nowadays about the improved health of women. The interest in athletics and outdoor sports is given credit for the abounding health and strength of the new woman. This is only partially true. Of equal importance is the levelopment that has given to women fresh interests intellectually. The alert mind, pleasantly engrossed in new and stimulating thoughts, is a powerful factor in a woman's well-being, in mind and body. The business and professional woman, the society woman, who is, perhaps, the hardes worked woman in the world, keep their health and youth long after their placid sisters in the country have sunk into in validism or premature old age. If one hears less now than formerly of cranky women, it is due to this cause also. The

country woman who rocked in one spot until she wore grooves in the floor unconsciously acquired mental grooves at the same time. The busy woman with a new interest every hour of the day has no

chance to get into ruts. Many a mother of a family, who is worn out ordering meals and sending the children to school and with the servants' complaints, who has done the same things at the same hours of the day for years and years until she feels like the hapless servant maid, that she could commit sui-cide because she is tired and has no pretty dresses, needs only a break in the monot ony of her life. A little trip among new faces and scenes would send her back with spell of nervous prostration, yet her famlly never think of any such little treat, and she goes on from day to day, being killed

by the dull monotony of her life. There is a story told of a clever physician who cured a patient, fast sinking into a state of melancholia and invalidism, with a prescription of an evening gown trimmed with chiffon. In the interest of getting the gown and wearing it to the opera, the woman forgot to be sick. The remedy is worth trying by others. Flowers are not more dependent on the sun than women on their outward surroundings. If they are to flourish and grow sweet and beautiful they must have sunshine and brightness.

day, also, the red, the blue, the black, the

New York Evening Sun. Sorosis showed the white feather yester-

green and pretty nearly every other kind of feather, but chiefly white, white being the most fashionable. The feathers, of course, embellished the bonnets worn by the members. The feathers were of various kinds-ostrich, osprey, cocks' plumes, aigrettes-all were in evidence. The fact that bird lovers the world over are in despair at what promises to be a not too distant extinction of the feathered tribe doesn't seem to have perturbed Sorosis mite. Oh, no, indeed. This intellectual, philanthropic organization, which met yesterday to discuss the question: "Do American women require the benefit of foreign study to complete a well-rounded education?" was as befeathered as any company convened for purely social and frivolous purposes. A bird's-eye view of the assemblage reminded one of nothing so much as a choice collection of feather dusters. As usual, the leader of the society Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, outshone al the rest. Her bonnet was a wonderful conglomeration of blues and purples and glittering things, overtopped with a perfect forest of white aigrettes. Three separate shades of purple appeared in the entire costume. There was one tint of purple in the silk skirt and another in the velvet bodice, while the tint of the bonnet was yet another. The velvet bodice was decorated by a pale blue satin front, veiled with white chiffon. When Dr. Harriet Keatinge, in the course of the discussion, declared that the whole mischief was that women laid too much stress upon importations, either in education or clothes, all eyes were turned to Mrs. Helmuth, who looked becomingly conscious. "Why." continued Dr. Keatings one of our members can't enter the room in an imported costume without arousing our interest and distracting our attention and all because the gown's been bought abroad," at which Mrs. Helmuth looked more conscious than ever. The question, by the way, was not decided. Collectively and constitutional'y Scrosis never decide anything. But individually and informally there wasn't a woman of them all ves terday who didn't make up her mind on the spot that never had the bonnet display been more impressive.

Various Cullings. It is said that people who drink a great leal of water have rheumatism less than the nonwater drinker.

If two tart apples are peeled and chopped

fine, then mixed with the stuffing intended for a roast duck, goose, or fresh ham, it will be found a great improvement.

The rage for lace and embroidered chiffon will be as great this winter as if both these exquisite textiles were in the first season of their popularity. In marked fa-vor they are rivaled only by superb jewel and bead garnitures, shaded French embroiderles en applique, and very narrow fur edgings-all of which are fit for the adorning of a queen. Sleeves are growing smaller as winter comes on, and fashionable Parisians are now wearing them quite tight-fitting with

only a suspicion of a puff on the shoulders. It is to be hoped that angular women will reflect seriously before they copy this mands something less severe, though a short, moderately plump arm may look to advantage in it. Fashions should always be modified to suit individual appearance-a platitude that can hardly be sufficiently impressed on very many women. The rooms of college girls offer excellent opportunities for the study of pillow effects. A Vassar undergraduate has her supply of eight or ten pillows covered uniformly, so far as color is concerned. They are all pure white. The covers are of India linen with lace-edged ruffles, the necessary variety being secured in the width of the ruffles, the pattern of the lace and in the size of the pillows. Another student at the same college has only one white pillow among her array of corduroy, tapestry and silk. This has a linen cover of the heavy sheeting quality edged with a fourinch ruffle, which is finished with an inchwide hemstitched hem. Across one corner is a large initial letter in blue. course, these white covers are made to

slip on and off easily, as they must be frequently laundered. Here is a well-tried recipe for the real English plum pudding, without which no Christmas dinner is complete: Thoroughly wash a half pound of large currants, pick them over carefully and dry them. Stone a half pound of the best raising, cut them in halves and slice a half pound of candied citron into thin shreds. Chop finely threequarters of a pound of suet and grate three-quarters of a pound of stale bread into very fine crumbs or dust. Mix currants, raisins, citron, suet and bread crumbs together, pouring over them a wine glassful of brandy and eight eggs, beaten until light. Put in a cloth bag, tied tight-ly, and boil six hours. If you have a pudding mold you can press the mixture firmly into that, being careful to butter the mold first. Turn the pudding out pour two tablespoonfuls of brandy about it and light the brandy just as it is brought to the table. Serve brandy sauce with it and place a little sprig of holly on the top.

CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY. Only an Accident Prevented It from

Becoming a Territory of the Czar.

Nothing, perhaps, but the accident of the establishment of the Hudson's Bay Company and the Northwest Fur Company aved northern California from becoming Russian province. Vitus Behring closed a life of adventure by planting the Russian flag in Alaska in 1741. Four years later Sitka was founded. A quarter of a century elapsed before the Spaniards undertook their first northward advance from San Diego and Monterey. If the English fur hunters had not intervened between the two. Spaniards and Russian would gravitated toward each other, and in that care the chances are that the Golden Gate and the Sacramento would have been the

Until the close of the eighteenth century hunting and fishing on the Alaska shores were conducted by individual enterprise. The fur seal and the sea otter were hunted Siberians, who sailed the stormy seas the north in craft sewn together with thongs and calked with moss. They beed to the primitive order of savages ng whom robbery, cutrage and murder were the ordinary events of the day, and at whose hands the meek Aleut bent his neck to the knife as the inoffensive Peru-vian had crouched before the countrymen

of Pizarro a century before. In the last established in Russian America. A com-pany, in which the members of the imperial family and the Muscovite nobility were shareholders, was founded on the plan of the British East India Company and the Hudson's Bay Company. Exclusive rights of hunting and fishing were conferred upon it. Its jurisdiction within its territory was as broad a that of the Czar himself. The Aleuts and heir neighbors held their lives and property at its mercy. They were not only slaves, but no slave code threw over them a semblance of protection. Over this corporation was set General Baranoff. whom Astor's agent, Hunt, describes as a hyperborean veteran, overflowing with hospitality, who, if his guests do not drink raw rum and boiling punch as strong as sulphur will insult them when he gets drunk, which will be shortly after he sits down to the table. He served the company faithfully for thirty years, and then was

thrown over to starve at the age of seventy-two. AN ECCENTRIC PRINCE.

He Was a Monomaniae on the Subject of Horrible Decorations. The Sicilian Prince of Valguanera, at the beginning of this century, was a mono-

maniac of a rare description: He succee to one of the largest fortunes in Europe; his habits were studious and economic he had no children-but in spite of these ad vantages for saving money he contrived to ruin himself. The prince had a fancy for grotesque statues, with which he adorned the stately mansion of his forefathers. Many descriptions of the place are extant, for it was renowned through Europe in its

Brydone visited it, and he has left us a pleasant picture. Approaching by a noble avenue one found the palace encircled by an "army" of monsters. "The absurdity of the wretched imagination which created them is not less astonishing than its wonderful fertility," says Brydone. "Some were a compound of five or six animals which have no resemblance in nature. In one instance the head of a lion was set upon the neck of a goose, with the body of a lizard the eye of a goat and the tail of a fox. Upon the back of this object stood another with five or six heads and a grove of horns. There is no kind of horn in the world that he (the prince) has not collected, and his pleasure is to see them all flourishing on Of such horrors there were six hundred in

the avenue and the courtyard alone whe Brydone saw the collection. The prince maintained a regiment of sculptors, who were rewarded proportionately to their success in designing new and unparalleled combinations. The effect upon a superstitious peasantry may be imagined. So serious was the agitation that the government of Sicilly threatened to demolish the won drous array several times, but the Prince of Valguanera was not to be offended in those lays without the gravest cause. Matrons of Palermo would not take the drives in that direction, fearing dire results. The inside of the house centric in another fashion. Here the madman diverted himself with columns and arches and pyramids of cups and saucer teapots and the like, cemented together One column, for instance, started from great porcelain vase of shape fami

The openings of windows were encrusted in this manner, the chimney pieces we loaded up to the ceiling and the magnifice rooms of the palace were divided by fantastic arches of the same constru China was rare and fine in Sicilly at th day, and most of the pieces thus tree had great value. The prince's bedroom was a chamber of supreme horror. Reptil awful beyond conception, had their ho there, intermixed with pleasing busts a or a hideot lecrepitude. We have observed an allusion to these thin modern work of travel. Perhaps the gov-

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